

## Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together



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Dear Parent/Carer

What a busy couple weeks we have had! It was very exciting to finally have our whole school photo on Tuesday - only 2 years late! Please remember to check the 'Dates for the Diary' and our website for all dates coming up so that you don't miss out!

**District Sports** took place on Wednesday afternoon in the blazing sun at the Spectrum. What a fantastic event with all of our team contributing to the final scores. It was great to see such support, resilience and perseverance from all the schools. I am also very proud to announce that Bushy won! We won all trophies bar 2 this year and it is a credit to the children and all the efforts their teachers and parents have put in to their sporting endeavours that we did so well. A huge thank you to all the staff and parent helpers, especially Chris Sciberras for all the time she has given to coaching the children.



Well done to Miss Furze and Mr Keeble for organising the whole event, no mean feat!

Yesterday's **Sports Day** was again a wonderful event in which every child contributed to their House, but also to the fantastic atmosphere.

Thank you to all those who supported us on the day and to every family member who participated in the parent races (we've never had so many!) and no ambulances needed this year thanks to a great warm up led by our Sports Crew!

The feedback I have had has been so positive and I really appreciate those people who took the time to email or speak to me. This sums it up:

*"Just wanted to say what a joy sports day was today. You all created such a supportive, inclusive and fun atmosphere. It was lovely to see children running alongside their friends and classmates to encourage them."*

I was so impressed with the camaraderie shown between the children (even if they were in a different House) - that's what makes these events so special and shows how our values work in practice!



Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and the PTA for providing refreshments. A huge thank you (again!) to Miss Furze and Mr Keeble for organising everything so brilliantly. **Congratulations to Beech who won the cup this year, beating Maple by just 1 point!**

It was an honour to be asked to open the Summer Fair at Merrow on Saturday and I thoroughly enjoyed the maypole dancing! I will also be in attendance at St. John's Summer Fair tomorrow, where our choir will be performing.

Tonight is our Summer Fair and it promises to be a fantastic evening with so many different stalls, fun, games and a delicious BBQ, just some of the things on offer. I look forward to seeing you there - don't forget to bring (plenty of!) cash!



### Newlands Corner

*Last week we walked up to Newlands Corner - it took about an hour to get there! Once we arrived, we were put into groups and had to rate the noise pollution. Each group went to a different part of Newlands Corner to assess the noise. We then asked some visitors questions about what they liked most about Newlands Corner and what the purpose of their visit was. We had a picnic lunch before we walked back to school. Thank you to Surrey Wildlife Trust for teaching us about the area and how to keep safe.*

Leonie and Tiffany

### Groundforce day

Our grounds are looking fantastic after a very successful Groundforce day. The children got to channel their inner Alan Tichmarsh and transform the 'Beach' area and the front of the school. They learnt about how to plant, about different types of plants and which varieties attracted pollinators. We added 'no mow' zones and a wild flower mound as well as building additional planting beds and painting the beach huts. We were also lucky to be joined by Surrey Wildlife trust who shared their expertise with the pupils and took groups to the pond area to identify its inhabitants and create bug houses. As well as learning valuable horticulture skills the children also got to turn their hand garden crafts and made games and decorative items to embellish the flower beds. A thoroughly enjoyable day.



### Transition

Next week the children will find out and spend time with their new teachers. Whilst it is an exciting time, we do appreciate it is also a time of anxiety for a number of our children. The staff will ensure the changes are made sensitively and the children have opportunities to talk through any worries. A letter will be sent to you on Wednesday morning, outlining the staff teams and classes for September.

### Values

This term we are focusing on our value: **Aspiration**

Please share any stories that you have or someone you know has, that will inspire our children. It would be great to hear from ex-pupils about what they have gone on to do.

### Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire, we really appreciate your positive comments and constructive feedback. The responses will be analysed and used to plan for next year. I will update you with further information in the coming weeks.

### Polite reminders:

- There is a postbox outside the school office, please post any forms, raffle tickets etc in there. It is secure and emptied regularly.
- Parking - please do not use the Methodist Church Car Park to park when there is a school event. They very generously allow parents/carers to park there at drop off and pick up, so please respect their property. They were also concerned about the manner in which some parents were responding to them yesterday. Please show respect to any of our neighbours who are infinitely patient!

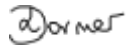
## Child Protection and Safeguarding

[Summer Self- Care](#)

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Thank you for all your support - see you at the Fair!



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